



The Copyright Committee of the IP Section of the State Bar
In-person & telephonic Copyright Committee Roundtable

Copyright and the Problem of “Orphan Works”

Speaker: Professor Chris Sprigman

Date: Friday, March 10, 2006

Networking/Lunch: 11:45 a.m. Program: 12:00-1:30 p.m.

Location: State Bar of California

1149 South Hill Street

Los Angeles, CA

During 2005, the Copyright Office studied issues raised by “orphan works”— copyrighted works whose owners may be impossible to identify and locate. Concerns have long been raised that the uncertainty surrounding ownership of such works might needlessly discourage subsequent creators and users from incorporating such works in new creative efforts, or from making such works available to the public.

The Copyright Office has now completed its report -- and it has concluded that the orphan works problem is real, serious, and can be addressed only via changes to copyright law. The Copyright Office has recommended significant changes to the Copyright Act's remedies provisions designed to free up use of orphan works.

Chris Sprigman, a University of Virginia law professor, participated in the Copyright Office orphan works proceedings on behalf of clients Creative Commons and Save the Music. Prof. Sprigman will talk about the problem of orphan works, the Copyright Office's proposed solution, and other possible approaches, including a return to our pre-1976 system of copyright formalities.

Biography:

Chris Sprigman teaches intellectual property law, antitrust law, competition policy, and comparative constitutional law at the University of Virginia School of Law. His scholarship focuses on how legal rules affect innovation and the deployment of new technologies.

Sprigman received his B.A. with honors from the University of Pennsylvania in 1988. He attended the University of Chicago Law School, serving as an Editor of the *University of Chicago Law Review* and graduating with honors in 1993. Following graduation, Sprigman clerked for the Honorable Stephen Reinhardt of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and for Justice Lourens H. W. Ackermann of the Constitutional Court of South Africa. Sprigman also taught at the law school of the University of the Witwatersrand, in Johannesburg, South Africa.

From 1999 to 2001, Sprigman served as Appellate Counsel in the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, where he worked on *U.S. v. Microsoft*, among other matters. Sprigman then joined the Washington, D.C. office of King & Spalding LLP, where he was elected a partner. In 2003, he left law practice to become a Residential

Fellow at the Center for Internet & Society at Stanford Law School. He joined the Virginia faculty in 2005.

For questions about the program, contact the committee co-chairs: Barbara Friedman, bfriedman@hansonbridgett.com, or Matt Neco, matthew.neco@gmail.com

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